

## What You Can Do

1 Get your friends or organization to invite a speaker or show the HBO special on Mumia, "A Case for Reasonable Doubt," available at large video stores like Blockbuster.

2 Buy, read, and pass on Mumia's books *Live from Death Row* and *Death Blossoms*.

3 Inform yourself on the case by reading *Race for Justice* by Leonard Weinglass, the *Resource Book on the case of Mumia Abu-Jamal* by Refuse & Resist!, and Mumia web pages like [www.calyx.net/~refuse/altindex.html](http://www.calyx.net/~refuse/altindex.html).

4 Contribute to Mumia's legal defense. Make check to "Bill of Rights Foundation," in the memo field write "Mumia Abu-Jamal legal defense," and mail to Committee to Save Mumia Abu-Jamal, 163 Amsterdam Ave., No. 115, New York, NY 10023-5001, or make check payable to "Black United Fund/Mumia Abu-Jamal," in memo field write "legal defense," and mail to Black United Fund, 2227 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19132-4502.

5 Write a letter to the editor, raise Mumia's case on local call-in talk shows, or get your organization to go on record for a new trial.

6 Join a local group working for Mumia, and support the International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal.

7 Protest to Gov. Tom Ridge, 225 Main Capitol, Harrisburg, PA 17120.

8 Write to Mumia Abu-Jamal, #AM8335, SCI Greene, 1040 E. Roy Furman Hwy., Waynesburg, PA 15370-8090.

9 Put a picture or poster of Mumia in your window and wear a Mumia button.

10 Take part in rallies, cultural events, and teach-ins for justice for Mumia.

11 Reproduce this brochure and distribute it everywhere.

## Resist Injustice



Refuse & Resist! exists to resist the entire reactionary political agenda being pushed on society. It is unique in uniting youth, students, professionals, single mothers, artists, working people, and prominent figures in a common effort to build both a movement and a climate of resistance — where people refuse to accept or be complicit in crimes against the people.

**"To the racists and women haters, to the gay-bashers and welfare slashers, to the prison builders and executioners, we say: the future is not yours!"**

- ☐ I want to receive information on up-coming events in support of Mumia Abu-Jamal.
- ☐ Send me the *Mumia Resource Book* which contains a set of the Mumia Fact Sheets (\$3).
- ☐ Send me a reprint of the full-page *New York Times* ad for Mumia (\$1).
- ☐ Send me a copy of "All Things Censored," a CD with Mumia reading his commentaries (\$15).
- ☐ I want to join Refuse & Resist!
  - ☐ Student, \$10/sem. ☐ Regular, \$25/yr.
  - ☐ Regular with T-shirt, \$35/yr.
- ☐ Send me an R&R chapter starter kit (\$10).

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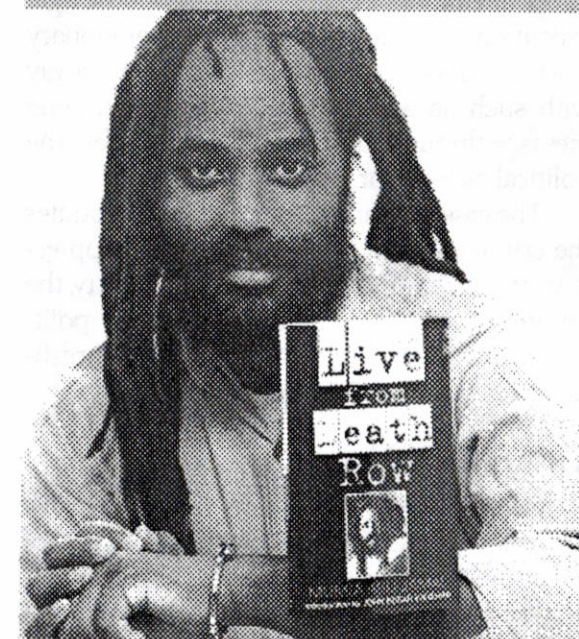
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## Who is Mumia Abu-Jamal?



Where people stand on the case of Mumia Abu-Jamal is a benchmark of where they stand on social justice. ➤



## What Is At Stake

In 1995, Mumia Abu-Jamal was only ten days away from execution, when a world-wide outcry forced the government to back down and grant a stay of execution. Yet Mumia remains under court order for execution and the outcome depends upon our actions.

In the twentieth century, there have only been a few court ordered executions of political dissidents in the United States. The last time was the Rosenbergs over 45 years ago. And the government has not dared to carry out the *legal* execution of a prominent Black revolutionary since the days of slavery. To let them get away with such an act now would send a chilling message throughout society. It would affect the political climate for years to come.

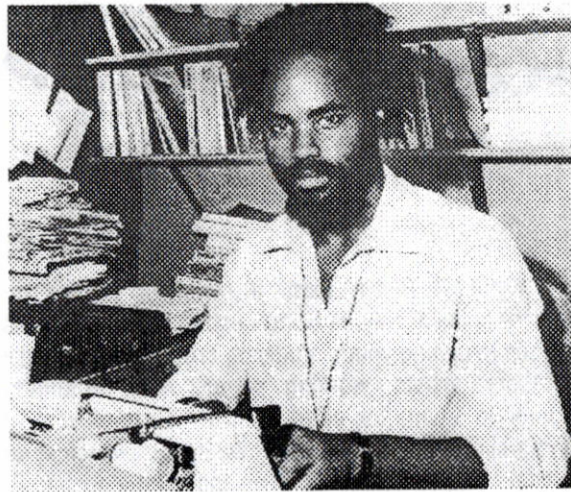
The case of Mumia Abu-Jamal concentrates the criminalization of Black men, the suppression of dissent, the expanded death penalty, the gutting of defendant's rights, and a whole political atmosphere based on blame and punishment of the most oppressed.

## The Frame Up

Mumia was a prominent radio journalist who allowed the angry and anguished voices of the oppressed onto the air waves. In retaliation, he was framed up on a murder charge by the Philadelphia police.

In December of 1981, Mumia was shot by a Philadelphia cop and almost died when he intervened in a street incident where his own brother was being beaten by that same cop.

The police officer was also shot and killed, and witnesses saw other men run from the scene. Yet when police arrived, they beat the wounded Mumia before taking him to the hospital, and he was immediately charged with murder.



Mumia Abu-Jamal as a young Philadelphia journalist

Mumia's brother and another key witness were later harassed and driven out of town. Other witnesses changed their stories to implicate Mumia and were rewarded. The dead officer was holding the driver's license of a third man. But it was Mumia that the police wanted.

When people began to question the charging of Mumia, the police put forward the absurd story — two months after the incident — that Mumia had "confessed" in the hospital emergency room. But they had forgotten to mention it at the time or write it in their reports. The written reports and the emergency room doctor say this never happened.

Mumia was barred from most of his own trial for protesting an unprepared court-appointed attorney who was later disbarred. Eleven peremptory challenges were used to knock almost all Blacks off the jury. Vital evidence was withheld from the defense, and police were unable to establish that the fatal bullet came from Mumia's gun.

The political motivation of the prosecution was made clear when the prosecutor argued for the death penalty by reading revolutionary

quotations from a published interview with Mumia from ten years earlier.

In the recent hearings for a new trial, a witness used against Mumia in his first trial came forward to say that she lied under police coercion. In retaliation, she was arrested in the courtroom as she stepped off the witness stand on an old warrant from another state.

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court (5 of 7 justices endorsed by the Fraternal Order of Police) has ruled against a new and fair trial. This takes place in the wake of massive police scandals in Philadelphia. Dozens of people have now been released from jail because they were originally convicted on the basis of phony evidence fabricated by the police.

## The Politics Behind It

Mumia has spent over 17 years in prison, facing execution for a crime he did not commit. In 1995 he was put in disciplinary confinement for writing a book, *Live From Death Row*.

The police frame up of Mumia came at the end of the turbulent late sixties and seventies when the government declared war on the Black Panther Party and Black radicals in general. In Philadelphia, the city dropped a bomb on the house of the MOVE organization, murdering 11 occupants (including 5 children), and burning 60 homes in the neighborhood.

As a radio journalist Mumia had exposed an earlier police attack on MOVE, and allowed MOVE activists to present their side of the story on the air. Before that he had been a founding member of the Black Panther Party in Philadelphia. When Mumia's new lawyers obtained his FBI files, they found that he had been under government surveillance since he was 15 years old!

This injustice cannot be allowed. People of conscience must take a stand. ►

